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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the  
above-identified patent application.

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No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002,  
reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully  
requested in view of the following remarks.

**Remarks**

Claims 15-30 remain pending in the above-referenced application.  
Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 18-25 and 27 include  
allowable subject matter. Before turning to the merits of this Office Action,  
Applicants are submitting herewith the courtesy copy of the PTO Form 1449 and  
stamped postcard receipt that should have accompanied the prior Amendment.  
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return this form.

Claims 15, 16, and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as  
being anticipated by United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0017415  
to Campbell et al. ("Campbell"). Applicants respectfully disagree because Campbell  
does not teach "the first vehicle determining the relative position of the at least one  
second vehicle at predetermined time points using the distance sensor" that is  
equipped in the first vehicle. (Emphasis added). In Campbell, a first vehicle 12  
determines the relative position of a second vehicle 16 not through the use of a